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[Additional nominations for each elective office will be entertained from the floor at the June meeting. It should be noted that only members of the association are eligible to vote and hold office.]

Minutes of Last FBA Meeting

Ann Loikow reported that the owners of her apartment building, The Swarthmore, have applied to the District government for permission to convert it to condominiums. At least two tenant groups are active in the building: one representing tenants who wish to buy the building themselves and the other group which wants to see it maintained as a rental building.

Al Cottrell reported on a recent hearing concerning proposed changes in the operation of National Airport. At the request of the FBA, Mr. Cottrell testified at the hearing on behalf of the FBA-West End ANC. Most attendees at the hearing favored substantial curtailment of flights and reduction in aircraft noise pollution. Since the proposal under consideration dealt with expansion of the airport's schedule, the FAA now believes it will have to prepare a new proposal on the basis

of input from this and other meetings it has held on the issue.

President Charles reported that construction of St. Mary's Court is proceeding well, that the topping off ceremony for the building would be held on Sunday, June 11 and that occupancy is expected in January, 1979. He also advised that the Foggy Bottom Association had presented 400 tulip bulbs to St. Mary's Court as a welcoming gesture by the community.

President Charles also reported on the results of a recent meeting of the FBA Executive Board printed in the May FBN issue. He also reiterated that the Association must vote on increasing the amount of dues from \$3 to \$5 per year, and on expanding the FBA executive board.

The final order of business at the May 30 meeting was to take nominations for FBA officers for the 1978-79 year.

Pam Mack

NEXT MEETING

Changes to FBA BY-LAWS
Election of FBA Officers for 1978-79
Candidates for September and November
D.C. Elections for Mayor & City Council

Monday, June 26

8 pm
St. Paul's Parish House,
2430 K St., N.W.

Report on Airplane Noise

The Foggy Bottom Association requested the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission to appear at the FAA hearing on National Airport Operation. Al Cottrell attended the hearing on May 23, which drew a crowd of 150 people.

Most of the 26 persons making statements including Congressman Joe Fisher (D-Va.) were extremely critical of the newest proposal made by the FAA. They pointed out that there were no provisions to reduce the number of carrier operations from the present 40 per hour despite the planned use of the larger, quieter wide-bodied jets. They were critical of the fact that there were no plans to shift any of the National operations to Dulles and questioned the validity of the noise intensity statistics appearing in the Environmental Impact Statement.

There was a proposal to establish an advisory board composed of local government representatives, regional agencies, business interests and citizens to confer

with FAA on all decisions affecting operating policies at the airport.

There was a suggestion to close National to air carriers entirely and a reminder from the Washington Convention and Visitors' Bureau supported by Alexandria and Arlington Chambers of Commerce representatives to consider the economic impact of airport operating policies. Their position was expressed in the following words, "The push for environmental goals is oftentimes accompanied by an alarming lack of appreciation of the economic penalties involved."

There is no question that Mr. James E. Murphy, Director of FAA's Metropolitan Washington Airports, who conducted the hearing, was aware of the public dissatisfaction with the current proposals. He cannot fail to understand that more effective measures for traffic control and noise abatement will be the price of citizen support.

Alfred Cottrell

Upcoming ANC Meetings

Tuesday, July 11 at 8:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Church.

Tuesday, August 1 at 8:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Church.

Tuesday, September 5 at 8:00 p.m.: Red Cross Building.

FOGGY BOTTOM FARMER

William S. Lattin



Plants grown permanently in containers, like pets, pose a problem at vacation time; options are few. Trees such as our Golden weeping willow growing in a large tub require a gallon of water on a normal day and need much more during the heat of August. A tree sitter is the only solution. The same holds true for our Morning glories growing along our balcony railing.



The three hybrid tea and floribunda type roses growing in 12 inch wooden containers are less of a problem; they can be carried to the bathroom and placed in the tub with two inches of water drawn and the shower dripping. The regulated drip will replenish the water that the plant draws up through the plant container drainage hole; that's bottom watering. In order to adjust for the proper flow of water, begin the process a few days before your vacation. If you must shower with the plants they'll enjoy it. Also, leave the fluorescent lights on; they are sun substitutes. Actually, a portable fluorescent lamp placed just inches above the plants would be more effective. Fluorescent lumination is weak but does support plant life. Incandescent lighting (bulb type) is useless. Happy holiday!

For those who enjoy the sun on their back, breeze on their cheek and the fragrance of growing vegetables, the many nearby "pick it yourself" produce and fruit farms can give many pleasures. Following are the addresses and phone numbers of a few. Phone first to find out what's picking.

Lists and phone numbers have been verified.

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This is the last Foggy Bottom News 'til September
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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP. Some of it is happening—not enough, but some. The BONWIT at 24th and H has done a major clean up job on its landscaping—what a difference it makes in the appearance of their apartment building and in that corner at 24th and H!!! The relandscaping that the TERRACES is doing will help the other side of the street. Thank you Bonwit and Terraces—we needed that!!

Again this spring throughout the Bottom you can see houses getting remodelled or painted. As both are very expensive it is a big thing. If we keep this up over three or four years we will see a great improvement in our area.

Now if we could just get the owners of the two story apartments at 903, 905 and 907 25th Street to do some major surgery on their yards full of weeds, three feet high grass and overgrown shrubbery (I can't call it landscaping, it sticks in my throat) we could improve the NE corner of 25th and Eye. That corner is really a disgrace to the Bottom and I'm surprised that the tenants in those apartments let the owners get away with that kind of maintenance (or the house residents around them for that matter). How about telling them to look diagonally across the street at Natalie Beaulieu's yard—so simple yet so lovely.

Natalie Beaulieu, we are distressed to hear that you have sold your lovely property and we too hope that the new owners will treat it with the same TLC that you have these past 18 years. Thanks for the encouraging note—every once in awhile I need one; it is lonely out here all by myself.

AIRPLANE NOISE. Over the past 10 years the FBA has been complaining to the appropriate authorities about the increasing airplane noise over our area. I hate to admit it but we have not had much success. We are not alone, of course, and because of this the FAA held a series of hearings on their proposals to lessen the noise. This is a problem of such significance that FBA decided to enlist the help of our Area Neighborhood Commission to present and support our claims. STEVE LEVY, CHRMN., agreed to our request and delegated AL COTTRELL (former FBA President) to represent the ANC at a formal hearing held

by the FAA. In a separate section of this newsletter you will find an item on this hearing; please read it.

METRO. The METRO Facility at Va. Ave. and Potomac Parkway has finally been cleaned up. Talk about a confused mess—that is one. No wonder the grounds maintenance got out of hand. The District, National Park Service and METRO all have a hand in keeping up the grounds around the "Round House". It is hard enough to get things done when one or two groups are involved—but three—that is a real challenge! Anyway, we got it done—let's hope we can keep it "done".

CITY PARKS. The city parks are another thing—just the city is responsible. Responsible—that is the wrong word when it comes to Maintenance—the city is not responsible. You would never believe what I personally went through to get all the dead azalea plots and grass parks cleaned up in May. No one understands regular, repetitive, scheduled maintenance in this town. I was really ashamed of the area around the Watergate complex and the Juarez Circle during the NATO Summit Conference. What all the foreign dignitaries must have thought of our lovely City as they rode back and forth to the Watergate Hotel, the office building and to the Kennedy Center! I wonder what Mayor Washington thought as he rode by? In fact, I wonder if he ever really saw the weedy dirty parks???

MAINTENANCE HELP—ANC. We, as an association, have been working on specific areas which need maintenance improvement—both government (streets, parks, litter, dog refuse, etc.) and private ownership (blatant neglect of property and disrespect for neighbors). Now we are moving into a new era; we, too, are learn-

ing how to use our grass roots government organization—the ANC—and so have petitioned them to get Foggy Bottom cleaned up—all of it, streets, gutters, vacant lots, parks—the works. Steve Levy, Chrmn. of our ANC, has accepted this "challenge" and is working on it. Already he has had the Street People Roost at 21st and E/Va. Ave. cleaned up of barrels (literally) of litter. Keep it up, Steve, there is lots to be done; let's see if we can have a major clean up program over this summer.

ST. MARY'S COURT. June 11 will see a **TOPPING OUT CEREMONY** for St. Mary's Court (sorry that it wasn't planned in time enough for me to tell you about it in advance). Topping out ceremonies occur when a building reaches its maximum height (9 floors for St. Mary's). This is the time when an evergreen tree or branches of trees are planted on the roof of the building. As I understand it this is a custom from medieval Germany, probably a time to wish the building and its occupants good luck, good health and prosperity. We'll report on the full ceremonies in September; in the meantime look up to the roof as you go by St. Mary's. If Father Wilbur has his way he will plant a whole grove of trees on the roof instead of just nailing a branch of evergreens to the first two rafters.

Incidentally, St. Mary's Episcopal Church will also be celebrating its 111th Anniversary! If my sources are correct, Columbia Hospital at 25th and M is also 111 years old.

Before I leave St. Mary's Court, their Board is engaging in a campaign to raise funds to purchase furniture for the common-use areas of the building. Contributions from our Foggy Bottom residents will be gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to St. Mary's Court Housing Development Cor-

poration and mail to St. Mary's (etc.) at Episcopal Church House, Mt. Saint Alban, Washington, D. C. 20016. Call Joe Howell on 537-0920 for further information.

BANK BUILDING. Over the summer be sure to take a walk down to 17th and G Sts. and look over the Courtyard of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board Building—maybe you will be able to get a cool summer drink by the reflecting pool. By this winter those who are still agile enough will be able to ice skate on the rink (those of us who are more timid will watch). To quote Wolf von Eckardt "This is the first new public building in America to contribute to the public happiness". Go have a look so you can get oriented for when the building is formally opened; then you can enjoy the snack bars, moderately priced cafeteria and restaurant.

BIRTHDAY. Mine—in May. I made it to Sr. Citizenship—never thought I would. And, what a wonderful month I had; my family and friends have wined and dined me first class. Lunch at the Intrigue three times, dinner at the Golden Table twice, then Morroco's, Kennedy Warren, La Bella Vista, Westchester, Watergate and LeChappelle. No disappointments anywhere—except with my waistline. Gad, I've put on 10 pounds! I'll never make the next 10 years at this rate. But it was fun. My biggest thrill was when three youngsters (by comparison), former associates of mine at the FAA called and said "come on, Grandma, we haven't forgotten you, we will take you to lunch". Who says people don't need other

people? That lunch added 35 years on to my life; I'm determined to make 100 in good health.

SOMETHING NEW. Look up when you go by 24th and Va. Ave. The House at 2329 is being extended—skyward; they are adding another floor.

SUNDAY MORNING QUIET. Have any of you really "listened to the quiet" in Foggy Bottom early on a Sunday morning? It is nice. Reminds me of Washington all day on Sunday about 40 years ago when we didn't have so many cars, busses and airplanes running around. I wish we could have a little more of that peace and quiet; it is essential for continued well being.

GOODWILL. Better take a quick look at the corner of NH and M where Goodwill Industries used to be—pretty soon you won't remember what was on that corner; it is changing fast—with an office building ready to go up and pretty soon Blackie's Hotel will make a drastic change.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS. As Doug Schneider and Fred Brabinski promised they have started some of the traffic improvements we asked for in the area of Va. Ave. between 24th and 27th. Reflectors have been installed on some of the park islands at NH and H; now maybe—just may—be—some of the cars speeding down NH will not run through the parks, taking the fire call box with them. White cross hatching has been placed on several cross walks around some parts of Juarez Circle. This should give pedestrians a break. Much more needs to be done but this is a start.

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NPS PARKS. NPS has planted Salvia-Early Barnfire Annuals in their parks around our area; should be blooming before long. This fall they will plant Red and Yellow Emperor Tulips for spring blooming.

STREET CLEANING. Maybe some of you read the article on June 1 in the Post about street cleaning in the City? The city is planning on a program to clean streets and gutters. It is not a new plan. It was used in the good old days when the city used to clean all the gutters once a week, first by broom and hand and then later by mechanical means. What they used to do was clean several blocks each day, having all cars move out for a short period so they could clean the whole street. The System worked and the city was much cleaner and certainly much less smelly. The debris which piles up in the gutters does eventually become odorous.

HJ's. A few more letters and comments coming in on the Howard Johnson orange roof. Seems as if some people did not respond because they thought it was hopeless but they really would like to see that orange roof go from this residential neighborhood. They way I look at it nothing can be considered hopeless until after you have tried and failed. So if there are any more of you out there who want to join in please let me know (2475 Va. Ave.)

OTHER ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENTS. As a result of our HJ question other suggestions are coming in regarding improvements in the area—a need for some architectural landscaping, area definition, etc.

INTRIGUE. Something new has been added at the Intrigue Restaurant—Bernard Leduc, Chef de

la cuisine, is now in residence. In addition to the well established dishes which we have become accustomed to at the Intrigue, Peter Laricos is trying to satisfy the palates of the many foreign dignitaries living in and visiting our Washington area who frequent the Intrigue, as well as the palates of us many Americans who have a passion for French food. By the time you read this Leduc should be well settled in; go in and see how he is doing.

SKIING. 80 Skiers out of 100,000 who participated this past winter competed in the 10th Annual NASTAR (National (Standard Race) finals at Squaw Valley, Calif. Among the winners was one of our own, BETTY MATICIC, Research Assistant for the American Trucking Association, who lives at 925 - 25th. Betty skied to victory in the female age 30-39 group. I am told that Betty has won many many ribbons and trophies over the years. Good show, Betty. NASTAR is the largest single skier participation program in the world. Finalists in NASTAR are the fastest skiers in their age class from different regions of the country.

GOLDEN TABLE. Seymour Rich is back at his old stand (and his son Ron is sure glad). Seymour looks and feels just great and says again how grateful he is for our many well wishes. In owner-operated businesses—like the Golden Table, the absence of one owner makes a difference; you miss his personal touch. Glad you're back, Seymour.

HEALTH LECTURES. GWU has been having a series of Summer Health Lectures during May and June. Moving into July, on Monday July 17 the topic will be *Summering Wisely—things you should know about your health when*

traveling and signs to watch for when exercising in the summer heat. On Monday, August 21 the topic will be *Summering Sanely (handling the summer doldrums and post vacation depression).* The lectures are held at GW Hospital at 901 - 23rd in the Auditorium. There is no charge for admission. For further information call 676-3415.

RECREATION FACILITIES. Melita Rodeck of FBA has offered to lend what help she can to get together a program for some type of recreational facilities in the Bottom. By this item Steve Levy is so notified (I'm getting lazy Steve, please call Melita).

TREES. We lost a friend recently, an old Elm Tree at NH and H. The tree was badly diseased with Dutch Elm Disease and was soon going to start infecting the tree next to it and several others on NH Ave. We have been working with the Tree Division for the past three or four years, having the tree treated and trimmed. They finally gave up and said it had to go; its large limbs were getting weak and becoming hazardous in our strong wind area. Our friend served us well and long. I can remember praying that it would live 21 years ago when all the construction was going on in our area. We wish it good luck in tree heaven and hope that it will send us a replacement from that heaven.

PRINTS ON WHEELS. In your meanderings around town you may see the PRINT ARCHIVES ON WHEELS. According to Anne Lomas, our editor, she bought some rare antique prints from Jim Borland, street vendor, who owns and operates a Rare Print Wagon. Anne is highly pleased with her purchases. 5 days a week Borland is on some corner of Washington selling his wares. A recent purchase by one customer was an 1870 edition of a Hogarth print which went for \$12. Borland has etchings, engraving and lithographs—prints from every country you can think of. Borland generally may be found at Conn. and

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GUEST QUARTERS. 2500 Pa. will be accepting its first guests between July 5 and July 15. Owen Basil will be General Manager at 2500 and Secretary Wendy Eagan will be his right arm. Owen has stated that he sincerely hopes to be a good neighbor in FB. He tells me that 2500 is the first Guest Quarters to be designed and built from scratch as a Guest Quarters. Anytime after July 15 Owen says he will be glad to take any of us who are interested on a complete tour of 2500. Drop in on Owen and Wendy and take them up on their offer.

TYPO ERRORS. They happen in the best of newspapers (and we think our FBA News is among the best). In my last month's column where I mentioned an item about **TOUGH FOGGY BOTTOM**, a name was misspelled. I was referring to our good Radio and TV friend **ARTHUR GODFREY** who lived in the old apartment on the southwest corner of 25th and K. The name came out Arthur Godgrey—sorry about that. Thank you for your question Donna Honeycutt; I don't know any Godgrey's either.

SIGNS. Hope the **NO DOGS** signs work which the home owners in the 800 block of NH Ave. have posted on their lawns.

VACATION TIME. It is here for "SEEN AROUND" and me—no FBA News for July and August. It has been a long busy winter for me and I am looking forward to a summer break—in a nice cool air conditioned everypiece I go. 'Fraid I'm not a heat and sun lover; to those of you who are—enjoy. See you on the streets of FB this summer or in September when our new year starts. Hope by then all of you will be FBA members—either active or inactive. We need you, either way. Remember there is strength in numbers; if we are to get many of the things FB residents would like for this area we have to be able to point to how many strong we are. Fill in the coupon below—NOW—for Renewal or as a NEW MEMBER. Thanks and have a nice summer. I'm off to a summer of campaigning for the man I hope will be the new Mayor of the District of Columbia—Marion Barry.

Mary

History and Current Activities of the Swarthmore Tenants Association

The Swarthmore Tenants Association (STA) was formed in January 1978 after we received a 5% increase which was followed the next week with a letter from the Rent Accommodations Office stating that the landlord had applied for an additional 5% increase (hardship petition). The STA requested a hearing before the Rent Administrator concerning the hardship petition. At this hearing, the landlord was required to justify his application for an increase in rent. Nearly 2/3 of the tenants in the building joined the STA at that time in support of this endeavor. The outcome of the hearing is still pending. Since that time, the members of the STA have continued to work unceasingly for improved management, repairs, and better security for the tenants.

Under the Rental Housing Act of 1977, which just recently took effect, any landlord of a rental accommodation must, in the event that he intends to sell the building, allow the occupants the first opportunity to purchase the building if: (1) there exists a recognized entity which represents the tenants in the building and (2) notice has been given to the landlord to the effect that the tenants are interested in purchasing the property.

The STA is an organization which meets the first of the above criteria. On March 15, 1978, Mr. David Sacks, Esq., attorney for Mr. Howar, the landlord, was notified that if, in the future, Mr. Howar was considering selling the Swarthmore, we, as tenants, would like to receive first consideration as purchasers. Thirteen days later each tenant in the building received notification from Mr. Sacks that Mr. Howar, acting for his mother, who owns the Swarthmore, is selling our building for \$1,800,000. Under the Rental Housing Act of 1977, we have at least 45 days in which to respond to Mr. Howar's offer.

For the past seven weeks members of the STA have, in public meetings, been examining every way possible by which the Swarthmore might be saved for

the present tenants, several of whom are elderly or on fixed incomes. As an initial step, the membership of the STA approved the hiring of an attorney, to conduct legal negotiations with the landlord, and an engineering firm, to evaluate the structural soundness of the building and to indicate what repairs, if any, might be necessary at present or in the future.

Recently, Mr. Howar met with several tenants in the building and stated again that the Swarthmore is for sale, and that he has received offers from other parties interested in buying the building. In addition, on April 26, 1978, Mr. Brian Frosh, Esq., our attorney, received notification from Mr. Sacks indicating that Mr. Howar would not authorize an inspection of the building by the engineering firm which we have engaged until (1) a contract to purchase the property exists and (2) a deposit of 5% of the purchase price (\$90,000) has been made.

On May 12, we learned that Mr. Howar applied in March 1978 for a certificate to convert this building into a condominium. His petition to convert the building was rejected because the rents in this building were not high enough. He has asked for a hearing on his petition. The hearing was scheduled for May 10, and rescheduled at his request for May 30.

There are two ways in which the rents can be raised. One is if Mr. Howar's Hardship Petition and other increases are granted under Rent Control. The other way is if 70% of the tenants agree to a rent increase.

Anyone who agrees to a rent increase at this point may, therefore, be increasing the chances that Mr. Howar's petition to convert the building will be granted.

Confirmation of this information can be obtained by calling the Rental Accommodations Office, Office for Certification of Condominium Conversion, 724-8838, and giving the address of this building.

Swarthmore
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